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Appl. No. 10/653,556
Dated: July 5, 2006
Reply to Office Action of April 5, 2006**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 8-10 and 12-15 are pending while claims 37-42 are new, leaving claims 1-4, 8-10, 12-15 and 37-42 for consideration upon entry of the present Response. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims presented are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - § 112

Claims 1-4, 8-10 and 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse.

More specifically, the Examiner states that in each of claims 1 and 8, there is an upper film "having edges located on the lower film." The Examiners queries whether this means that all of the edges of the upper film are located on the lower film or just some of the edges of the upper film. The Examiner presumes that more than one edge would have to be located on the lower film, because the claim states "edges" in the plural, but the Examiner alleges that it is not clear whether all of the edges are included.

In response, the Applicants direct the Examiner to page 9, lines 9-15 of the specification and FIGS. 1A and 1B, as originally filed. The specification discloses with respect to FIGS. 1A and 1B that a wire 72 includes a lower film 72p and an upper film 72q. The lower film 72p is wider than the upper film 72q such that edges of the lower film 72p are located outside edges of the upper film 72q. Thus, as disclosed "edges" refers to at least opposing edges of the upper film 72q since two respective opposing edges define a "width" of each of the lower and upper films 72p and 72q.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to claims 1-4 and 8-10 and 12-15 be withdrawn and allow the same to issue.

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NEW CLAIMS

New claims 37-42 have been added to further define the present invention. Support for the same can be found at least in FIGS. 1A and 1B and page 9, lines 9-15 of the specification as originally filed.

The Amendments here presented are made for the purposes of better defining the invention, rather than to overcome the rejections for patentability. No presumption should therefore attach that the claims have been narrowed over those earlier presented, or that subject matter or equivalents thereof to which the Applicants are entitled has been surrendered.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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